

1 15A NCAC 18D .0206 is readopted as published in 33:01 NCR 7 with changes as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 18D .0206 CERTIFIED OPERATOR REQUIRED**

4 (a) All public water ~~systems~~ systems, ~~except transient non-community systems with either or both ultraviolet light~~
5 ~~disinfection, or softening (not required by 15A NCAC 18C the North Carolina Department of Environmental Health~~
6 ~~—Public Water Supply Section), as the only treatment applied to water, must shall have a certified operator in~~
7 responsible charge for each water treatment facility ~~that alters the physical, chemical, or microbiological~~
8 ~~characteristics of the water; has approved plans for such alterations; or has equipment installed for such alterations.~~
9 that:

10 (1) alters the physical, chemical, or microbiological characteristics of the water;

11 (2) has approved plans for such alterations; or

12 (3) has equipment installed for such alterations.

13 ~~Upon vacancy of a position resulting in noncompliance with this requirement each facility~~ The owner shall ~~must~~ notify
14 the Board ~~Office and Division of Environmental Health Public Water Supply Section Regional Office, in writing; in~~
15 writing within 10 days of a vacancy that results in noncompliance with this Rule.

16 (b) There ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ be an operator holding at least a Grade C-Surface certification ~~or above~~ assigned to be on duty
17 on the premises when a surface water treatment facility is treating water. Implementation of this requirement shall be
18 is subject to the following provisions:

19 (1) ~~Upon~~ upon vacancy of a position resulting in noncompliance with this ~~requirement~~ requirement, the
20 ~~owner shall~~ each facility must notify the Board ~~Office~~ within 24 hours or at the start of the next
21 ~~regular~~ business day of such the vacancy; and

22 (2) ~~Upon~~ upon ~~such vacancy~~ the vacancy, the ~~owner~~ the facility must ~~shall~~ fill the position with a
23 certified ~~grade~~ Grade C-Surface operator or an operator with a temporary Grade C-Surface
24 certification within 90 days.

25 (c) There ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ be an operator in responsible charge for the distribution portion of ~~the~~ community and non-
26 transient non-community public water systems. This operator ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ possess a valid distribution certificate issued
27 by the Board with the grade equivalent to or exceeding the water system's distribution classification, ~~classification~~
28 ~~facility for which he or she is designated~~. A system serving 100 or fewer service connections ~~is~~ shall be exempt from
29 this requirement if it has an operator in responsible charge as required in Paragraph (a) of this Rule. A system
30 ~~which~~ that is classified as D-distribution only may use a Board-certified ~~state-certified~~ distribution, ~~well~~ well, or surface
31 operator to meet the operator in responsible charge requirements of this Rule

32 (d) ~~There~~ ~~Effective July 1, 2003~~ ~~there~~ shall be an operator in responsible charge for the cross-connection
33 control ~~cross-connection control~~ facilities of the distribution system for all of any public water ~~systems~~ system required
34 by 15A NCAC 18C .0406(b) to have five or more testable backflow prevention assemblies. ~~This~~ The operator shall
35 possess a valid Grade ~~Cross-Connection Control~~ Cross-Connection Control certificate issued by the Board.

36 (e) All operators of community and non-transient non-community public water systems shall follow the standard
37 operating procedures established by the operator in responsible charge. ~~Any decisions~~ Decisions about water quality

1 or quantity that affect public health ~~which that~~ have not been ~~defined~~addressed in the standard operating procedures
2 ~~shall must~~ be referred to the operator in responsible charge or to the certified operator on duty.
3 (f) No operator in responsible charge ~~is~~ shall be required for transient non-community public water systems with either
4 or both ultraviolet light (uv) disinfection or softening (if not required by 15A NCAC 18C ~~the North Carolina~~
5 ~~Department of Environmental Health—Public Water Supply Section~~) as the only treatment applied to water.

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8 *Eff. July 1, 1991;*
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10 *May 3, 1993;*
11 *Readopted Eff. December 1, 2018.*